

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2001 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

Two new large fires were reported, one each in Northern Rockies and Southern Areas. Eleven large fires reached containment, four in Eastern Great Basin, two in Northern California, and one each in Rocky Mountain, Northern Rockies, Southern California, Northwest and Southern Areas. Initial attack activity was moderate in Eastern Great Basin, and light elsewhere. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

A training cadre and military crew advisors are training the U.S. Army Task Force Phoenix Blaze, commanded by LTC Ronald Huether, at Ft. Lewis, WA. Deployment to the Virginia Lake Complex is scheduled for 8/23.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage large fires in eastern Washington. Priorities are being established by the Northwest Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms. VIRGINIA LAKE COMPLEX, Colville Agency, BIA. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the St. Mary's, Goose Lake, and Virginia Lake fires, is 12 miles south of Okanogan, WA. Okanogan County has declared a state of emergency. An evacuation order remains in effect for the St. Mary's fire in the Haley Road and Dutch Anderson Road areas along the north portions of State Route 155.

REX CREEK COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) and a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) are assigned. This complex of five fires is 34 miles northwest of Lake Chelan, WA in the Sawtooth Wilderness Area. A mandatory evacuation is in effect for the Flick Creek and Prince Creek areas as the fire continues to approach residences and historic structures along the shore of Lake Chelan. Structure protection remains in progress.

SPRUCE SPRINGS/DOME COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Dome, Spiral Butte, and Spruce Springs fires, is burning in bug-killed timber 30 miles west of Yakima, WA. Structure protection forces are being demobilized. Significant progress has been made in all division with containment efforts.

MT. LEONA COMPLEX, Colville National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles northwest of Republic, WA. Fire spread towards populated areas has stopped.

SLEEPY COMPLEX, Colville National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This complex, made up of the Sleepy and Buckhorn

fires, is 24 miles northwest of Inchelium, WA.

ICICLE COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Melton) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Upper 8 Mile and the Snowflake fires, is six miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. Lighter winds and cooler temperatures have moderated fire activity.

TONASKET COMPLEX, Okanogan National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Dunton/Andring) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Cape LaBelle, Windy Ridge, Long Swamp and Bailey Mountain/Action #214 fires, is near Tonasket, WA. A passing weather front caused multiple spotting on the Bailey fire and crews were pulled off the fireline temporarily.

HORSE CREEK, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Stam) is assigned. This fire is seven miles north of Imnaha, OR. Fire activity increased with runs late in the afternoon.

MONUMENT COMPLEX, Oregon Department of Forestry. An Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Templeton) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Birch Creek, Mallory, and twelve other fires, is three miles north of Monument, OR. Good progress on containment efforts was made on the head and northeast flank of the fire.

OLALLIE LAKE COMPLEX, Mt. Hood National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Ostman) is assigned. This complex near Olallie Lake, OR, is being managed jointly by the Warm Springs Reservation and the Mt. Hood National Forest. Good progress has been made on fireline construction.

QUARTZ, Oregon Department of Forestry. An Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Gilpin) is assigned. This fire is ten miles southwest of Medford, OR. Mopup proceeds on all divisions.

BIG CREEK, Umatilla National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire, burning in the North Fork of the John Day Wilderness Area, is southeast of Ukiah, OR. Helicopters and aerial retardant drops assist in containment.

SHEEPSHEAD, Burns District, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Sheepshead, Potluck and Stonehouse fires, is 75 miles southeast of Burns, OR. All containment lines held despite strong gusty downslope winds on the south perimeter.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VIRGINIA LAKE C	WA	COA	73123	30	8/27	1516	30	95	15	12	4.8M
REX CREEK COMPL	WA	WEF	47488	0	UNK	573	16	2	4	2	507K
SPRUCE SPRINGS/	WA	WEF	2581	75	8/24	1198	42	75	6	0	4.2M
MT. LEONA COMPL	WA	COF	5443	10	UNK	741	7	52	2	0	2.1M
SLEEPY COMPLEX	WA	COF	1250	0	UNK	37	0	0	2	0	75K
ICICLE COMPLEX	WA	WEF	7582	30	UNK	1039	25	52	6	0	4.3M
TONASKET COMPLE	WA	OKF	3790	40	8/27	1022	33	49	3	0	2.4M
HORSE CREEK	OR	WWF	16854	65	8/24	462	14	3	5	0	1.2M
MONUMENT COMPLE	OR	ORS	29216	80	8/23	1241	46	79	8	0	4.9M
OLALLIE LAKE CO	OR	MHF	2500	50	8/26	703	23	13	9	0	2.9M

QUARTZ	OR	ORS	6170	90	UNK	1604	54	48	6	4	9.2M
BIG CREEK	OR	UMF	655	80	UNK	379	13	6	2	0	773K
SHEEPSHEAD	OR	BUD	49050	95	8/22	428	12	25	4	0	2.7M
BREWSTER COMPLE	WA	NES	6100	100	---	314	8	12	1	0	3.4M

NES = Northeast Washington State

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CREEK, Madera-Mariposa-Merced Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Type 1 Incident Management Team (Maner) is assigned. This fire is two miles north of Coulterville, CA. Moderate to high rate of spread, major spotting and runs with 150 foot flame lengths have been observed. Evacuations remain in effect for Groveland and Jackass Ridge, and have been ordered for Cuneo. An evacuation advisory has been issued for the Greeley Hill area. NORTH FORK, Sierra National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between the California Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (VanDevort), a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Vittum) and the Madera County Fire due to mutual jurisdictional responsibilities. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) has been ordered. This fire is near Bass Lake, CA. Significant topography-driven runs, spotting and torching were observed.

HIGHWAY, Sequoia National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Carvalho) is assigned. This fire is twelve miles east of Dunlap, CA. Extreme fire behavior with spotting was observed. Highway 180 remains closed.

LEONARD, Tuolumne-Calaveras Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lombardo) is assigned. This fire is near San Andreas, CA. The fire made several runs through chamise on steep slopes. Preparations are being made for additional evacuations depending on fire spread.

HOOVER COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles southeast of Yosemite Village, CA. This complex of fires includes the Hoover, Clark, Kuna, Cold Creek and Lyell fires. Fire activity has been mostly limited to the Hoover fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CREEK	CA	MMU	11500	60	8/25	2068	25	55	3	8		1.6M
NORTH FORK	CA	SNF	2000	10	UNK	539	6	38	8	2		NR
HIGHWAY	CA	SQF	1275	10	UNK	621	14	15	3	7		500K
LEONARD	CA	TCU	3800	30	8/24	1134	14	35	7	3		1M
HOOVER	CA	YNP	4560	0	UNK	46	5	0	0	0		110K
WHITE	CA	STF	185	100	---	489	14	15	4	0		600K

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

Priorities are being established by the Great Basin Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

MOLLIE, Uinta National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. This fire is 1/4 mile east of Santaquin, UT. Scattered precipitation has moderated fire behavior.

SOUTH HOLLOW, Uinta National Forest. This fire is two miles southeast of Woodland, UT. Significant precipitation aided firefighters with containment efforts.

ALPINE 2, Caribou-Targhee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is two miles southwest of Alpine, WY, on the Idaho border. Evacuation orders have been lifted and residents are returning to their homes.

ELK CREEK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stanich) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles east of Warren, ID. Lighter winds, cooler temperatures and helicopter water drops assisted containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MOLLIE	UT	UIF	8786	30	8/26	354	10	23	5	2	862K
SOUTH HOLLOW	UT	UIF	800	50	8/23	273	8	6	2	0	447K
ALPINE 2	ID	CTF	475	75	8/22	285	10	10	2	0	510K
ELK CREEK	ID	PAF	2671	30	UNK	254	5	1	4	0	1.5M
QUARRY	UT	FIF	300	100	---	23	1	1	0	0	NR
BOULDER	WY	BTF	350	100	---	21	2	5	2	0	100K
SPRINGFIELD	ID	IFD	200	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
TOOTER	UT	RID	350	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR

FIF = Fishlake National Forest
 BTF = Bridger-Teton National Forest
 IFD = Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM
 RID = Richfield Field Office, BLM

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

FRIDLEY, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Livingston, MT. Heavy fuels and steep inaccessible terrain are hampering containment efforts.

WERNER PEAK COMPLEX, Northwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This complex is seven miles north of Whitefish, MT. Crews continue with fireline construction.

LOWER FAWN CREEK, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. The team will assume control of the Sunset Peak fire today creating the Lower Fawn Creek Complex.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, Idaho Department of Lands. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. This fire, burning in alpine fir and brush, is 20 miles north of Coolin, ID. Reduction in acreage is due to better mapping.

MONUMENT, Gallatin National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Adams) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is in Sweetwater County, MT, in the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
FRIDLEY	MT	GNF	2000	0	UNK	97	2	0	3	0	100K
WERNER PEAK COM	MT	NWS	2980	10	UNK	702	21	15	6	0	2.6M
LOWER FAWN CREEK	MT	SWS	185	50	8/23	251	7	6	1	0	230K
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN	ID	IDS	440	30	UNK	309	8	0	5	0	1.3M
MONUMENT	MT	GNF	1500	0	9/30	40	1	0	1	0	70K
LOGGING	MT	LED	300	100	---	48	1	5	0	0	NR

LED = Lewistown Field Office

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

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UPPER WILLOW, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is 60 miles north of Winnemucca, NV. The fire burned actively in isolated areas. Crews were able to make significant progress with fireline construction.

GRANITE, Great Basin National Park. This fire is 60 miles southeast of Ely, NV. Fire behavior observed included spotting, crowning and a moderate run to the north.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
UPPER WILLOW	NV	HTF	41670	70	8/23	504	23	21	7	0	1.4M
GRANITE	NV	GBP	588	33	8/24	201	5	3	1	0	149K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

MEDICINE, Mendocino Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. This

fire is northwest of Covelo, CA. No new information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MEDICINE	CA	MEU	100	0	UNK	202	4	14	2	5	NR
PONDEROSA	CA	NEU	2780	100	---	1270	27	25	0	0	4.5M
BLUE COMPLEX	CA	MDF	37950	100	---	922	28	35	6	1	11.9M

NEU = Nevada-Yuba-Placer Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry
MDF = Modoc National Forest

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NORTH 5600 COMPLEX, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. Extreme fire behavior with torching and running in cedars, tall grass and mixed oak hardwood. One office building, home and 500 salvage automobiles were lost.

MILLER, Texas State Forest Service. This fire burning in oak and pine is 20 miles northwest of Palestine, TX. No new information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
NORTH 5600 COMP	OK	OKS	200	95	UNK	155	0	57	2	5	375K
MILLER	TX	TXS	300	50	UNK	15	0	6	0	0	NR
ALLEY	FL	FLS	940	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
RENNER DRAW	WY	HOX	2800	100	---	73	2	7	2	0	125K

HOX = Hotsprings County, Wyoming

OUTLOOK:

Low pressure in the Gulf of Alaska will continue to influence the weather in the Pacific Northwest as several troughs associated with this system bring increased clouds and scattered light showers. High temperatures will be in the 70's for inland areas west of the Cascades as well as east. Minimum relative humidity will range from 25 to 35 percent east of the Cascades, and down to 20 percent in southeast Oregon. Winds will be

southwest at 20 to 30 mph east of the Cascades with gusts up to 40 mph in the Columbia Gorge.

The upper level trough off the Pacific Northwest, will limit the amount of monsoonal moisture transported up into Utah and southern Idaho. This will bring partly cloudy skies with widely scattered thunderstorms to Utah and a slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms to Idaho. High temperatures will be in the 70's in the mountains, and 80's to lower 90's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will be 10 to 25 percent, except 25 to 35 percent in the mountains of Utah. Winds will be southwest at 15 to 30 mph in Utah, and 10 to 25 percent in Idaho.

High pressure over the Northern Rockies will bring sunny and warm conditions with isolated late afternoon dry thunderstorms mainly east of the mountains. High temperatures will be 85 to 95, with upper 90's east of the Divide. Minimum relative humidity will range from 12 to 22 percent, with 8 percent in the eastern valleys. Winds will be southeast to southwest at 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts on the ridges in the afternoon.

A trough over the western states will bring partly cloudy skies to north and central Nevada, and mostly sunny conditions south. High temperatures will be in the mid 70's to mid 80's, and 80 to 105 south. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent. Winds will be southwest to west at 20 to 30 mph in the northwest part of the state, otherwise 10 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					1		1
ALASKA	ACRES					0		0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	0				6	10	16
NORTHWEST	ACRES	2123				2968	5909	11000
CA-NORTH	FIRES					20	2	22
CA-NORTH	ACRES					290	0	290
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				1	23	5	29
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				2	36	1776	1814
NORTHERN	FIRES	3	1			5	13	22
NORTHERN	ACRES	4	1			26	13	44
GB-EAST	FIRES	5	9		1	5	20	40
GB-EAST	ACRES	25	109		15	0	101	250
GB-WEST	FIRES		3			1	0	4
GB-WEST	ACRES		6		213	0	50	269
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1	1			1	12	15
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	0	0			0	2	2
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		9			2	2	13
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		2			26	0	28
EASTERN	FIRES						1	1
EASTERN	ACRES						8	8
SOUTHERN	FIRES	2				19		21
SOUTHERN	ACRES	43				607		650
TOTAL	FIRES	11	23	0	2	83	65	184

GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1	1		3	1	6
ALASKA	ACRES		5	745		449	1081	2280
NORTHWEST	FIRES	17	66	9			314	406
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	4801	7194			50057	66408
CA-NORTH	FIRES	20	6	5	1		41	73
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	615	10		9512	10499
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2	3	2		44	51
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	208	174		9305	9699
NORTHERN	FIRES	21	7	111		44	301	484
NORTHERN	ACRES	1736	5840	15410		4309	29906	57201
GB-EAST	FIRES		8	4	3	9	40	64
GB-EAST	ACRES		817	1890	177	1490	8876	13250
GB-WEST	FIRES		9		1		2	12
GB-WEST	ACRES		805		0		182	987
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	13	29	11		2	204	259
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2202	21947	35634		500	59097	119380
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	19	101	3	2	50	177
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	14275	303	762	26747	48979
EASTERN	FIRES	10		68	10	320	126	534
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		17861	1355	43868	16085	87810
SOUTHERN	FIRES	7		182	13	145	882	1229
SOUTHERN	ACRES	718		53257	30099	87919	702286	874279
TOTAL	FIRES	90	147	495	33	525	2005	3295
TOTAL	ACRES	20415	38719	147089	32118	139297	913134	1290772

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES				2		1	3

NORTHWEST	ACRES				1		1	2
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				29		11	40
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				3918		65	3983
NORTHERN	FIRES				12		23	35
NORTHERN	ACRES				501		540	1041
GB-EAST	FIRES				1			1
GB-EAST	ACRES				15			15
GB-WEST	FIRES	2	24					26
GB-WEST	ACRES	0	5671					5671
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				2		21	23
SOUTHWEST	ACRES				1104		7185	8289
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		17	1	2		9	29
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		2810	48	934		603	4395
EASTERN	FIRES						2	2
EASTERN	ACRES						24	24
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	2	41	1	48	0	67	159
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	8481	48	6473	0	8418	23420

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires		Hectares	
	Last Week	Year-to-date	Last Week	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	7	1041	0	6340
YUKON TERRITORY	0	67	0	17771
ALBERTA	4	812	1	151699
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	123	0	105914
SASKATCHEWAN	5	668	1	180656
MANITOBA	3	460	500	75734
ONTARIO	7	1298	0	10470
QUEBEC	1	915	0	31104
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	177	0	809
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	392	0	544
NOVA SCOTIA	1	367	0	397
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	18	0	24
NATIONAL PARKS	0	73	0	8284
TOTALS	30	6411	502	589746

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews		Engs		Heli		Airt		Ovrhd	
	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	198	237	145	550	38	73			1458	1267

CA-NORTH	43	58	38	58	6	8	1		252	410
CA-SOUTH	42	47	64	142	24	15			214	331
NORTHERN	52	10	22	51	19	14	1		331	200
GB-EAST	37	7	51	32	17	8			284	53
GB-WEST	19	9	17	7	1	7			116	38
SOUTHWEST	20		16							
ROCKY MTN	4	3	16	23	5	2			4	16
EASTERN	10								15	
SOUTHERN	11	2		57		2			17	22
TOTAL	436	373	369	920	110	129	2	0	2691	2337

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